

# IN VIRGINIA TOWN

## BRIEF BITS OF LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

### Doings of Virginians and Madisonians —Social and Personal Gossip—The Unofficial Gossip Record of the Past Seven Days.

Henry Elling spent about three hours Wednesday, soliciting subscriptions for stock in the Virginia City and Sheridan telephone line, and experienced no difficulty in securing enough stockholders to assure the building of the enterprise. The short space of time in which this proposition has been suggested to the public and pushed to materialization is a flattering tribute to the public spirit of our people. A meeting will probably be held in the near future at which time plans for pushing the work will be matured.

A. L. Stone and Will Neagle of the Dillon Implement Company were the first cyclists to make the trip from Dillon to Virginia City. In actual traveling, they were just five hours in route, taking the bench road from Point of Rocks to Sheridan and the upper road from Sheridan to the mouth of the gulch. A cyclometer attached to one of the wheels registered the distance as 51 1/2 miles, which has in the past been called 50 miles. They consider the road an excellent one for cycling from Point of Rocks this way. Above Point of Rocks, the sand makes the road very heavy. Dillon has about 125 wheels and any number of long distance riders. One of the events talked about now is a long distance road race from Dillon to Virginia, in which about 20 have signified their intention of participating.

In another column will be found a complete an exhaustive writeup, historical and descriptive, of the celebrated Leiter mine from which Leiterville takes its name.

Ben James and Fred Farrell returned from Butte, Tuesday, where they went to make the final arrangements for beginning operations on the Alameda mill.

Mrs. Byrd expects to visit her husband, who is now located at Pocatello next week. She will be away a few days only.

The Odd Fellows ball will be one of the social events which will bring all the dancing people of Virginia City out. It will be held at Armory hall on the evening of the anniversary celebration, April 23. A reception will be held at Odd Fellows' hall at the same time and tickets will admit guests to ball, reception and supper.

It is understood that all necessary arrangements have been completed and that the Alameda mill will be crushing ore in a very few days.

T. A. Metzler president of the West Fork Gold Mining Company, is in town to-day; Charles Pendarvis, his superintendent, is here also. Mr. Metzler expects to begin operations about the first of May.

The remains of Wing Dot, the unfortunate celestial who lost his life in the snow storm last Thursday evening, were interred in the Chinese cemetery Saturday. The funeral was largely attended by Wing Dot's countrymen.

The bicycle fever is the latest epidemic in Virginia. Among those who propose to crack the atmosphere on pneumatics are Will Nunenberger, Luther Buford, Gene Cheely, A. J. Wilcomb, and D. R. Beck.

The leading firms of Southern Montana appreciate the value of the MADISONIAN as an advertising medium. A glance at our columns is convincing. Get on the band wagon before the procession of commerce leaves you in the rear.

Tod Rodgers is in the city to-day. Mr. Rodgers is kept quite busy these days getting the poor farm ready for county charges.

Subject at M. E. church Sunday evening April 14th, is Easter.

The various mercantile establishments of Virginia close Sunday and on all succeeding Sundays in the future, by agreement. The meat markets will keep open until 10 a. m. only.

George Elling left for Butte Thursday. He will make a tour of the state in the interest of a Chicago stationery firm.

## SEED! SEED!

Grass seed, Alfalfa, Red Clover White Clover, and Timothy. Seed for sale by

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The Adobetown school district held an election last Saturday, and voted the board authority to build a new school house. Mrs. Saul was elected trustee and the board now consists of D. R. Beck, Pat McGovern and the lady mentioned.

Pat Scott is reported to have made a find near Junction in which he has considerable faith. He is down 40 feet and is negotiating a sale with Butte parties.

E. F. Nash, formerly trainer at Laramies, is now holding down a string of horses at Phoenix, Ariz.

Captain Charles Hirschman of Dillon is a candidate for game warden of Beaverhead county. Charlie knows the haunts of the game and the tricks of the hunters, and would make an excellent official.

Hon. L. A. Brown of the New Departure, near Barretts, shipped a car load of high grade ore to Omaha just before the raise. He sold at 65.

Wm. H. Hall returned from Seattle Saturday, where with his family, he spent the winter. Mrs. Hall and her daughter will not return until late in the summer. Mr. Hall will resume operations at Summit in the near future.

Born—At Wigwam, Madison valley, April 9, 1895, to the wife of Sylvester Wiles, a son.

Con Crowley of Adobetown has been awarded the Revenue mine wood contract and will probably spend the summer in the busy camp on the Flat.

May 6, is the date fixed for the annual anniversary ball of Company D., N. G. M. It is the eighth anniversary of its organization. And while the officers have repeatedly changed, and it has been in a measure neglected by the regimental officials it continues to flourish like a green bay tree. The ball will undoubtedly be a great success as the boys are leaving nothing undone by way of preparation, and besides the proceeds will go to John Robbins, the unfortunate miner who had both legs broken at the Pacific mine a short time ago. The members of the company will appear in full dress. The floor managers will be Lieut. E. J. Gainan, Sergt. Lew Romey Privates James McClurg, Thomas Story and Bert Kellogg. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The Crescent saloon is being renovated and refitted and will probably be reopened in the near future.

A number of the placer companies are getting ready for the season's work. Several will begin active operations next week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Allen returned from a visit to the coast of two months duration Thursday evening. A portion of their outing was spent with Mrs. Allen's relatives and the rest in touring California. They had a delightful time, spent 10 days in San Francisco and visited nearly every winter resort in Southern California, took several trips by water and on the morning of their departure for Montana, plucked a number of ripe oranges from an orchard belonging to one of their friends. Mr. Allen is of the opinion that California is the finest country in the world.

E. Spurling, a Missoula commercial man, is in the city.

Dr. Hammond, state organizer for the A. U. O. W., will institute a lodge of workmen at Ennis this (Friday) evening. A number of Virginia members of the order will probably attend.

After the ball game Sunday a meeting will be held on the grounds for the purpose of permanently organizing the Virginia City base ball club.

Paul Boulon and George Gonne, traveling comedians, gave a very clever two-man show at the Masonic hall Saturday and Monday evening. They were far superior to anything in their line that has visited Virginia for some time. Their first performance was not very well patronized, but they drew a good house Monday evening.

Clothes neatly pressed and cleaned at R. O. Hickman's.

The ladies' dance—the name they have selected is altogether too strong for us—will be given on the evening of the 19th. They propose one in full swoop to repay the members of the Lotus club for the many pleasant so-

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als given by that organization during the past winter. Their organization is as follows:

Executive—Mrs. Byrd, Fannie McGregory, Nellie Cole. Refreshment committee—May Gohn, Mrs. Lew L. Callaway, Clara Gilbert. Programme committee—Josephine McCloud, Lottie Elling, Bessie Farrell. Finance committee—Mable Elling, Nellie Shoneberg. Floor managers—Mrs. Byrd and Nellie Shoneberg.

Rev. Wiley Mountjoy will hold services at the Christian church, Sunday morning and evening. The evening service will consist of a short sermon and a song service.

Garden seeds of all sorts and conditions at C. W. Rank & Co's. 23-3

### THE BALL GAME.

Virginia Won—A Return Game to Be Played Sunday.

The Virginia City and Adobetown base ball teams crossed bats Sunday. The contest was close and exciting and was distinguished for the manner in which the leather was pounded—in fact the scorer was a very, very tired man at the close of the game. Eugene Cheely was umpire and—well he don't want to go to Adobetown any way as he has learned that the scarlet fever is prevalent there. Virginia won, the score being as follows:

Virginia City—Lowman, c; Cook, p; Nelson, 1b; McLane, 2b; McClurg, 3b; French, s; s; Westley, l. f; Rodgers, c. f; Buford, r. f. Total runs, 46.

Adobetown—Lane, c; Tibbe, p; Mahagan, 1b; Kenealy, 2b; Williams, 3b; Lynch, s; s; C. McGovern, l. f; Edghill, c. f; W. McGovern, r. f. Total runs, 42. The Adobetown club will play the Virginia boys a return game Sunday.

Tan shoes are the proper thing. Malland has them, both for ladies and gentlemen.

### THE LITERARY.

It Was a Bright and Sparkling Entertainment.

The special programme at the literary society, rendered Wednesday evening, was replete with good things—in fact it was one of the best entertainments Virginia has had for some time. It would be useless to particularize as every performer deserves mention. The programme was as follows:

Chorus—Behold! I Stand at the Door... Choir  
Recitation—"Mad Mag"  
Mrs. G. E. Morse.  
THE VIRGINIA CITY GOSSIP.  
Mrs. C. A. McNulty, Edith, Selected  
Vocal Solo—Mabel Elling  
Ladies' Chorus—"The Mermaids' Evening Song"  
Recitation—"The Sioux Chief's Daughter"  
Mrs. W. W. Cheely  
Debate—"Woman Suffrage."  
Pro—Rev. W. Mountjoy. Con—Mrs. Herndon. Judges—Mrs. O. D. French, Mrs. J. E. Callaway, and Thos. Duncan.  
Vocal Trio—"The Old Musician and His Harp."  
The Misses Nelson and M. D. Nelson.

Oration—"There Is No Place Like Home"  
Prof. L. D. Hall

DRAMA—"He Was Never Known to Smile."  
CASTE.—Roystorous Peculiar Jones.  
W. A. Stevenson

CLARA—Miss Fannie McGregory  
Mrs. Roberts... Miss M. J. McCloud  
Dr. Cocaine... M. D. Nelson

QUARTET—"List to the Convent Bells"  
Messrs. McGregory and McCloud  
Messrs. Nelson and Powell.  
MALE QUARTET—"Summer is Near"  
Messrs. Nelson, Wilcomb, Hall and Powell.

### USHERS

Misses Bessie Farrell, Lizzie Burns, Pearl Ginn, Nettie Wiles.

The judges of the debate, evidently concluding that if a little was good, more was better, withheld their decision, with the request that the debate be continued at some future time.

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The undersigned merchants of Virginia City will not open their business houses on Sunday after April 7th:

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### THE SUNLIGHT GROUP.

The Reason of the Shut Down at Whitehall.

The most important event in the mining industry that has occurred for some time past was the closing down of the Golden Sunlight group of mines at Whitehall, and the incidents connected therewith causing the same. On Wednesday Bernard McDonald, president of the American Developing & Mining Company of this city, says the Butte Reporter, went over to Whitehall and took charge of the entire property.

The following history of the transactions relating to the sale and transfer of this property was obtained from the officers of the American Developing & Mining Company in this city.

About a year ago, this company sold the mines to John E. Searls et al., New York people, for \$500,000.00. The contract for the sale stipulated the purchase price was to be paid in quarterly installments of \$50,000.00 each, and that if default was made in the payment of any of these, the property with all improvements and equipments, was to revert the company, and peaceable and quiet possession of all the property was to be given them.

When the sale was made, the property was turned over to the agent of the New York purchasers, W. J. Clark, and was operated under his management until and including the 1st inst., when the payment falling due on that date was not made, and the property in strict compliance with the terms of the contract, was turned over to the American Development and Mining Company, on their demand.

As Mr. Clark has made repeated statements, both here and in Helena, that there was ore in sight in these mines to the value of over \$2,000,000.00 the American Development & Mining Company was surprised when Mr. Clark wired from New York asking a 30-days extension of the time for making the April payment, which the company refused to grant.

The property is well equipped with a mining plant consisting of several small hoists, air compressor, pipe-lines and boarding and bunk-houses, also a 125 ton concentrator and two miles of standard gauge railroad run as a spur from the Northern Pacific Railroad.

There are many rumors rife concerning the causes why the eastern parties did not make the April payment of \$50,000, after having made payments to the amount of \$165,000. As near as can be learned it cannot be that the mines have "played out" as Mr. Clark's repeated statement proves there is \$2,000,000 in sight in the property.

In the lower tunnels there is an immense body of ore in sight, reported to be over 20 feet in width, but it is also said to be as low as \$10.00 per ton.

Much trouble has been experienced with the concentrator. The plant has never successfully treated the ore, probably not saving more than half the value.

The American Developing & Mining company have taken full charge of the property and are making many needed improvements in the concentrator, which will soon be in full operation.

Jas. H. Henley, formerly superintendent of the Granite Mountain Mining company, and who is also a trustee of the American Developing & Mining company, is in full charge of the property. Under his efficient management there will be no question as to the result.

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